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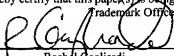
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Dear Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Official Action of the Examiner mailed February 20, 2009, with a shortened statutory period set to expire on May 20, 2009. Applicants hereby request a one-month extension of time, extending the period for response to June 20, 2009, which falls on a Saturday, thus the period for response ends on June 22, 2009. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0413.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

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